

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION OF NOVA SCOTIA OF 1868, was carried out under the Act "for Encouragement of Agriculture," Revised Statutes, Cap. 96, which provides that it shall be the duty of the Board of Agriculture, "To hold every third year or oftener, should the Board deem it advisable, in some central and suitable locality, a general Provincial Exhibition of Agricultural and Horticultural Products, Animals and Domestic Manufactures, and to fix the time, articles of competition, and List of Prizes to be awarded, and the Regulations under which such Exhibitions shall be held, of which due notice shall be given at least twelve months before the same shall take place; and in holding the same due regard shall be had to the just claims of the several Counties."

On 7th May, 1867, an Act was passed by the Provincial Legislature, which authorized the Board to draw from the Provincial Treasury, a sum not exceeding \$6000, to aid the necessary expenses of the proposed Exhibition. In 1868 an additional grant of \$3000 was voted by the Legislature.

After full consideration, it was determined, that instead of holding merely an Agricultural Exhibition, the Manufactures of the Province, and those interested in the Fisheries, Mining and Commerce, should be invited to join the Board, so as to obtain an Exhibition fairly representing the General Industry of the Province. A large and influential meeting of the citizens was held in Temperance Hall, under the patronage of His Excellency Sir W. Fenwick Williams, Lieutenant Governor, who took part in the proceedings. Resolutions were passed, and a General Committee, embracing the various interests, nominated to carry out the enlarged scheme.

The Committee entered upon their work, an appeal was made for subscriptions, and a large number of the Agricultural Societies came forward with contributions. The necessary arrangements were then made; much time was given to the preparation of the List of Prizes offered, so that every industrial interest might be represented as fully as possible at the Exhibition. In the Fall of 1867, the Prize List and Regulations for Exhibitors were issued and widely distributed. The